

## By the King.



Ee doe not doubt but that all our Subiects (embracing the true Religion professed in this Church of England, & by Law established within this Realme) are thoroughly perswaded of our constant resolution for the maintenance & defense of the same; Not onely because we found it here so many yeeres settled, and blessed of God in the long peace and prosperity of our people, wherewith it hath bene accompanied since the first setting the same free from the Romish servitude, But also and chiefly, because our owne knowledge and vnderstanding (illuminated by the Spirit of God) doeth assure vs that the same is agreeable to his Divine Word, and to the doctrine of the Primitive Church. Of which our purpose and determination, besides all other our former proceedings (since our entry into this kingdome) we haue given a new and certaine demonstration by our consent to such two Acts, as haue bene passed in this Session of our Parliament, both tending to prevent the dangers, & diminish the number of those, who adhering to the profession of the Church of Rome, are blindly led (together with the superstition of their Religion) both into some points of doctrine, which cannot consist with the loyalty of Subiects towards their Prince, and oft times into direct actions of Conspiracies and Coniurations against the State wherein they liue, as hath most notoriously appeared by the late most horrible and almost incredible Coniuration, to blow vp vs, our Children, and all the three Estates in Parliament assembled. All which notwithstanding, and although by these late Treasons aboue mentioned, contrived and pursued (as they haue bene) with the pruicte and warrant of so many of the principall Priests of that profession, and grounded vpon points of doctrine, (in that Church held and maintained) there is sufficient cause (if there had never bene any other enterprise vpon the same ground) to iustifie the proceedings of vs and our said Parliament, in the making and execution of these last, and all other former Statutes, tending to the same end: Neverthelesse, seeing the Soueraigne care appertaineth to vs, who haue the Soueraigne power of Justice in our hand, & the supreme dispensation of clemencie, and moderation of the severitie of our Lawes is likewise as proper to vs to vse, whensoeuer we shall finde it reasonable, the same deserving to be no lesse allowed in vs (being in our Dominions Gods Lieutenant) then it is praised in him, among whose highest Titles it is, That his Mercy is aboue all his works: Although both Natures iust offence might be excused, if we suffered our selfe to be transported with such passions, as so vile and barbarous prouocations do excite in humane sence, And our prouidence would be also commended, if we did with all violence indeuour to extirpate out of our Realme, not onely such as were guilty of the Attempt, but all others that gane any cause to bee suspected of bearing fauour to it, or of whom there is any iust occasion to conceiue that they may be corrupted with the like poysone: Yet can not any prouocation or other respect, extinguish in vs so vitterly the exercise of that clemencie, whereto NATURE hath so farre inclined vs, as wee can be withholden from renewing some course of lenitie againe in some particulars, so farre forth as it may be without the perill of our Religious and loyall people, that concurre with vs in the profession of the Gospell.

And therefore to the end wee might not haue any further subiect ministred vnto vs, whereby wee must be prouoked to execute Justice vpon those, who (being called Religious persons, and professed in diuers orders of their Church, as Priests, Jesuites, Seminaries, and such like) haue not only declared themselves to be the stirrers vp of our people to disobedience, But when wee were pleased formerly out of our meere Grace to signifie our Royall Pleasure for their departure out of this Realme vppon

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 wished, haue few or none of them taken hold of our Gracions fauour, but wilfully, and (as it were) in scorne of the Penalties which our just Lawes could impose, haue still continued their former practises, and contempt in their returnes: As we doe purpose to send away out of our Realme even those of that condition, whose lines are in our hands to take every houre, if wee were so disposed, (excepting onely those that are guiltie of that horrible Treason;) So we haue once againe resolued, and for the last warning doe denounce it by these presents, (according to the tenor of our Lawes, and our former Proclamations) That they shall all of them, that is to say, Jesuites, Seminaries, Fryars, or any other Priest whatsoeuer, Regular or Secular, being made by Authoritie of the Church of Rome, depart out of this Realme of England and Wales before the first day of August next ensuing, vpon paine to incurre the vttermost danger of our said Lawes. And for their better meanes to depart according to this our pleasure, wee doe hereby signifie to them, That if at any time before the sayd first day of August, they or any of them, excepting Gerrard or Greenwell, shall resort to any Port Towne of our Realme, and there declare himselfe to the Magistrate of the sayd Towne, or other Officers of our Port, that he is a Priest of any sort whatsoeuer, and that he is there to take shippynge for his passage, they shall suffer him or them quietly to depart, and shall see them shipped and sent away, and giue them therein furtherance for their departure.

And because there may be some Priests in holde indiuers parts of our Realme, not yet knownen to vs, we doe will and command all Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and Keepers of prisons, within twenty dayes after the publishing of this Proclamation, to aduertise our Privie Counsell, or some of them, of the names of all such Priests, Jesuites, Seminaries, or of any other sort that are in their custodie, and by Whome, and for what cause they were committed, to the end that thereupon wee may giue order for their transportation.

And now least happily this vncertayne course of our so oft reiterated clemencie after such an example, should either serue to encourage the Priests themselves to affront our Justice, or discourage those good and deere Subiects of ours, whose danger and destruction we know shal never be seuered from our owne, whensoeuer any such Projects shall be in motion; we doe hereby protest, that this is done with no other purpose but to auoid the effusion of blood, and by banishing them presently out of our Dominions, to remoue all cause of such severitie, as we shall otherwise be constrained to vsse towards the other sort of our people, as long as those Seducers shall haue opportunitie to betray their consciences, and corrupt their loialtie, towards whom our Affections doe so vary with the Object, as wee confesse, that we desire still to make it appeare in the whole course of our Gouvernement, that wee are farre from accompting all those Subiects disloyall that are that way affected, and that we doe distinguishe of such as be caried onely with blinde Zeale, and such as sinne out of presumption, and vnder pretext of zeale make it their onely occupation to perswade disobedience, and to practise the ruine of this Church and Common-Wealth. And therefore as after times must giue vs tryall of all mens behaviour, so must all men expect that their owne deserts must be the only measure of their fortunes at our hands, either one way or other.

Giuen at our Manour of Greenwich the tenth day of June, in the fourth yeere of our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God sauе the King.

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